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1. THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CALLED IN JOURNALISTS CIRCA 1800Z MARCH 14 AND HANDED OUT THE FOLLOWING TEXT: QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REIBLIC OFFICIALLY DECLARES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, 14TH OF MARCH, 1978, IT HAS COMPLETED THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS ARMED FORCES UNITS FROM THE CONFLICTING AREA. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT AND DECISION

RECENTLY MADE BY THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT, THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW ITS UNITS.

THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC NOW CALLS UPON THE BIG POWERS TO FULFILL THEIR UNDERTAKINGS TO FIND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE CONFILCT

IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, WHICH IS BASED ON THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS IN HARMONY WITH OTHER INDICATORS AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED

WITH UNUSUAL DISPATCH AND A MINIMUM OF FIGHTING. REPORTING FROM NEIGHBORING POSTS SUPPORTS THIS CONCLUSION.

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